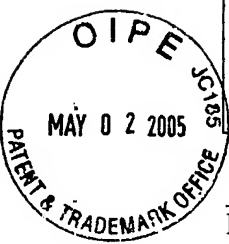


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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including May 2, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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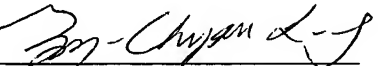
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